MINUTES REMOTE GOTOMEETING 4:30 P.M.

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Wall, Supervisor - Remotely from Waterford, Michigan Kim Markee, Clerk – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan Steve Thomas, Treasurer – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan Marie Hauswirth, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan Janet Matsura, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan Mark Monohon, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

JessbJosh BowrenShelly SchlossJessica BourdonGary AllisonCaller 01Steve KleinPaula Milgrom

## Agenda included:

- 1. American Rescue Plan Act Opportunity
- 2. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern

The virtual meeting started at 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting with the agenda item, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), stating we have not had any new information. We are supposed to receive our first check by May 15, but there have not been any official updates as to what we can spend it on. You cannot spend it on pensions.

Trustee Monohon reached out to Haley Steven's Office, and they will let him know as soon as something is sent out. Her office would also be willing to send someone to our work session meeting to talk with us. There may be a cost sharing provision to allow sharing of the funds. You can use ARPA funds for Water, Sewer Infrastructure.

Clerk Markee heard back from Senator Peter's Office, and transportation is allowed, however road spending was not clear. Supervisor Wall mentioned buying a WOTA bus. One per municipality, and each year we could each buy a bus and they would not wear out all at once, and would get us up to where we should be with our buses, since the WOTA transportation is critical transportation.

Treasurer Thomas said the Lake Improvement Boards are ramping up and there is a lot of work, and we charge 3% for the Marine Patrol, and he would like to charge a 3% administrative fee to the Lake Boards for the bookkeeping services. When you do work for someone, you like to be paid for it. Attorney Shortley is drafting something. Trustee Bartolotta said the Lake Boards would not like this, and Trustee Hauswirth said the timing was not right. Treasurer Thomas said the Lake Boards could charge it in their assessment. The expense would not be outrageous. Treasurer Thomas will send a letter to each Lake Board. Clerk Markee mentioned some lakes do not have Lake Boards such as Woodhull Lake and they do not have any assessment. Supervisor Wall said we collect the money and there is special time in the Township dedicated to the lakes, and wanted to know how much it costs per lake, and is a dedicated service for the people that live on the lake, but then some have public accesses, and other people use the lake through these public accesses. Trustee Bartolotta asked, "How much does it cost per year to process the Lake Board invoices, and service the Lakes?" Treasurer Thomas said it would take some time to study the costs. Act 451, Inland Lake improvements, allows the township to charge a fee. We

only want to be paid for what we are doing. Supervisor Wall asked to do a study from Treasurer Thomas and will work with Accounting to get the time involved. Trustee Hauswirth mentioned we talk about an assessment for sidewalks and we have not done this, so why should we do this with the Lakes. The Lakes do not get a lot of support from the Township when there are issues on the Lakes. Clerk Markee asked how many invoices the Treasurer receives each year. Treasurer Thomas said it takes time, and postage to handle the Lake invoices. Supervisor Wall said he would help with the numbers. Clerk Markee mentioned there could be an offset with a reduction in weed control or harvesting and then the lake becomes a weed pit, and no one wants to live there. Treasurer Thomas mentioned \$7.95 per year. People that live on Lake Oakland pay \$184.00 per year. Trustee Monohon asked about Rainbow Lake. White Lake Township handles Rainbow Lake. Treasurer Thomas appreciated everyone's input.

Supervisor Wall said Earth Day went very well, and Mother Nature cooperated by holding off the rain. Interesting stuff that was collected on the side of the roads included masks, and vaping cartridges. There was over 100 volunteers. We got 35 cubic yards of garbage off the roads. Trustee Monohon said we filled the huge dumpster at the Township. Clerk Markee found a shopping cart.

Trustee Hauswirth said the Township shredding event that was sponsored by All Saints Cemetery went very well, and had about 200 people. The residents said it was very well organized and when they went to the Oakland County event they had to wait an hour, and they appreciated not having to wait. Trustee Hauswirth said the DPW people are the best, and Supervisor Wall said we have many hard working people in our Township, and it is a pleasure to be able to work with these fine individuals.

Clerk Markee asked if anyone heard anything about subdivision roads. Trustee Monohon mentioned proposing some projects with SEMCOG and ask them about how we can get these projects funded. Possibly TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) may allow some funding for sidewalks, and alternative transportation projects. Most likely not until next year because the 2021 budget is finalized. Trustee Monohon will set up a meeting, and asked for any ideas, and he will put together a PowerPoint presentation that would provide some guidance. Supervisor Wall thought it was for bike lanes, and most of this goes to downtown districts. In addition, Trustee Monohon will look for funding for sidewalks. Possibly along Airport Rd. and Williams Lake Rd, and Andersonville Rd. There is also some funding with safer walks to schools.

Clerk Markee will follow-up with the RCOC regarding the May 12 meeting. We will make it a public meeting so all can attend.

Supervisor Wall reminded everyone is invited to attend the OCCMTA event on Thursday, April 29 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Canterbury Village. Trustee Hauswirth said she is going. Clerk Markee said most likely she would go.

Supervisor Wall opened up the meeting for public comment and there were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Kim Markee, Clerk